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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# HOUSE BILL NO. 881

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 198.280, RSMo 2000, relating to nursing home districts, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 198.280, RSMo 2000, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 198.280, to read as follows:

198.280. 1. After the nursing home district has been declared organized, the declaring county commission shall **either:**

(1) Divide the district into six election districts as equal in population as possible, and shall by lot number the districts from one to six, inclusive. The county commission shall cause an election to be held in the nursing home district within ninety days after the order establishing the nursing home district to elect nursing home district directors. The election shall be called, held and conducted and notice shall be given as provided in sections 198.240 to 198.270, and each voter shall vote for the director from his **or her** district; **or**

(2) **Cause an election to be held in the nursing home district within ninety days after the order establishing the nursing home district to elect six at-large nursing home district directors. The election shall be called, held and conducted and notice shall be given as provided in sections 198.240 to 198.270.** After August 28, 1994, directors shall be elected for a term of three years. The first director whose term expires after August 28, 1994, shall continue to hold office until the expiration of the term of the second director whose term expires after August 28, 1994, at which time both such directors shall be elected for a term of three years. The third director whose term expires after August 28, 1994, shall continue to hold office until the expiration of the term of the fourth director whose term expires after August 28, 1994, at

**EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

18 which time both such directors shall be elected for a term of three years. The fifth director whose  
19 term expires after August 28, 1994, shall continue to hold office until the expiration of the term  
20 of the sixth director whose term expires after August 28, 1994, at which time both such directors  
21 shall be elected for a term of three years. All directors shall serve until their successors are  
22 elected and qualified. If a vacancy occurs, the board shall select a successor who shall serve until  
23 the next regular election of a director is to be held in that **nursing home or election** district. If  
24 no candidate files a declaration of candidacy for a **nursing home or election** district, a majority  
25 of the board of directors may, after the election in that **nursing home or election** district would  
26 have regularly been held, appoint any resident of the nursing home district who otherwise  
27 qualifies [under] **pursuant to** subsection 2 of this section to fill that vacancy.

28 **2. Following the initial election establishing the nursing home district board of**  
29 **directors pursuant to subsection 1 of this section, the circuit court may choose to elect the**  
30 **board of directors at large.**

31 [2.] **3.** Candidates for director of the nursing home district shall be citizens of the United  
32 States, resident taxpayers of the nursing home district who have resided within the state for one  
33 year next preceding the election and who are at least twenty-four years of age. All candidates  
34 shall file their declarations of candidacy with the county commission calling the election at least  
35 twenty days prior to the special election.

36 [3.] **4.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, if the number of  
37 candidates for the office of director is equal to the number of directors to be elected, no election  
38 shall be held, and the candidates shall assume the responsibility of their offices at the same time  
39 and in the same manner as if they have been elected; however, if any vacancies are created after  
40 local certification and prior to the deadline provided in subdivision (4) of section 115.453,  
41 RSMo, which cause the number of filed candidates to be less than the number of vacancies to  
42 be filled, an election shall be held, and write-in candidates for such positions shall be eligible as  
43 otherwise provided by law.